GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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TRANSMISSION OF HIV FROM MOTHER TO CHILD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations and observations of WHO, UNAIDS and other medical institutions regarding transmission of HIV from mother to child;

(b) whether these observations are acceptable to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the cost of such treatment per person; and

(e) the details of affectivity of such treatment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF (HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) WHO, UNAIDS and other medical institutions have observed that Mother to Child transmission of HIV may occur during the period of pregnancy, delivery and postnatally through breast feeding in approximately one third of HIV infected pregnant mothers. These organizations, institutions have recommended that prevention of mother to child transmission programme should be instituted by the countries on priority basis.

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. Govt. of India initiated pilot projects on prevention of mother to child transmission in eleven institutions spread across five high prevalence States, namely, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Manipur to assess the feasibility of its implementation as a National Programme.

(d)&(e) The cost per person varies with anti-retroviral drug used for prophylaxis to prevent Mother to Child Transmission. The efficiency of such regimens in preventing transmission is approximately 50%.